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## **Corps, community set to discuss site cleanup Thurs. in Wamego**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – A permanent water source for residents living near the former Forbes Atlas Missile Site north of Wamego, Kans., and source area cleanup will top the agenda at Thursday night's Restoration Advisory Board meeting in Wamego.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Wamego Public Library and will serve as a chance for Corps project members to update the advisory board on the status of the cleanup.

Trichloroethene, a solvent used at the missile site during its operation in the early 60s, was found in the groundwater near the site in the fall of 2002.

Since, the Corps has provided carbon filtration systems to provide clean, safe water to the affected residences, but the Corps will soon offer to remove those filters and connect homes in the area to Rural Water.

"The Corps is committed to providing a long-term permanent source of clean water for the residents near the site," said Saqib Khan, the Corps' project manager. "By connecting the residents to Rural Water, we can be assured the water they are drinking is safe."

The Corps will begin tackling the ground water contamination source area later this month by removing sediment and water in the sumps, flame tunnels and traps and steam cleaning the missile site's concrete structure.

"We are working as efficient and thorough as possible to reduce the source area of contamination on site," Khan said.

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